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Letter dated 14 December 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present my compliments to you and to transmit herewith the outcome document of the subregional workshop on the preparation of responses to the Security Council Committees dealing with counter-terrorism, held in Gaborone on 29 and 30 November 2007 (see annex). The workshop, which was hosted by the Government of Botswana, was organized by the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Southern African Community (SADC), in cooperation with the expert groups of the Committees.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were to be circulated as a document of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 106, 107 and 108, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 14 December 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Subregional workshop on the preparation of responses to the Security Council Committees dealing with counter-terrorism, Gaborone, Botswana, 29 and 30 November 2007

Outcome document

We, the delegations of Angola, Botswana, the Comoros, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

Gathered together to share and discuss our efforts, and share our experiences and challenges in dealing with terrorism at the Sub-Regional Workshop held in Gaborone, Botswana, on 29 and 30 November 2007, on the preparation of responses to the Security Council Committees dealing with counter-terrorism ("the Committees");

And in the presence of the United Nations, represented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED),the Monitoring Team of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities (the Monitoring Team) and the Expert Group of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) concerning the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and non-State actors (the 1540 Expert Group), as well as the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the following observers: the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Institute for Security Studies, INTERPOL, and the Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group;

Noting with appreciation the hospitality of the Government of Botswana for having hosted this Workshop and the efforts of UNODC, in particular, its Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) and the UNODC Regional Office for Southern Africa (Pretoria, South Africa) and SADC, for the collective action undertaken in the organization of this Workshop;

Expressing our appreciation of the efforts undertaken by CTED, the Monitoring Team and the 1540 Expert Group in implementing a common strategy to assist us to submit our responses to each of the Committees as a step towards the effective implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions relating to terrorism and the relevant provisions of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

Reiterating the strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes, as it constitutes one of the most

serious threats to international peace and security, in accordance with the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

Recalling that at the 2005 World Summit Outcome world leaders rededicated themselves to support all efforts to uphold the sovereign equality of all States, respect their territorial integrity and political independence, to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations, to uphold the resolution of disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, the right to self-determination of peoples which remain under colonial domination or foreign occupation, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for the equal rights of all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and the fulfillment in good faith of the obligations assumed in accordance with the Charter,

Reaffirming that our international cooperation and any measures we undertake to prevent and combat terrorism must comply with all our obligations under international law, and adopt such measures in accordance with international law, in particular human rights law, refugee law and international humanitarian law;

Recalling the recommendation made by the participating countries at the UNODC/SADC Training Workshop on International Cooperation in the Fight against Terrorism and its Financing, held in Windhoek, Namibia, from 5 to 7 December 2006 that UNODC, in close cooperation with CTC/CTED and the other relevant Security Council Committees, provide assistance to requesting SADC Member States to prepare and submit their reports to the various Committees through a sub-regional conference for SADC Member States;

Welcoming the adoption by the General Assembly on 8 September 2006 of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and its plan of action (A/RES/60/288);

1. As a step in the global fight against terrorism, agree to continue the dialogue between our respective States and the Committees, including through cooperation with CTED, the Monitoring Team and the 1540 Expert Group who support these Committees;

2. Call on the United Nations Security Council to reduce the reporting requirements for Member States, and to take into account the different capacities of United Nations Member States;

3. Reiterate our commitment to:

a) Submit any outstanding responses to each of the Committees as soon as possible, as a step towards the implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions relating to terrorism;

b) Become parties to the relevant universal instruments relating to terrorism, without delay, in accordance with the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions;

c) Enact, where appropriate, the necessary domestic legislation for the full incorporation of the provisions of the universal instruments relating to terrorism, and the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions;

4. Request UNODC to continue to provide interested States with the relevant technical assistance required to:

a) Prepare our responses in cooperation with the Committees and their expert groups;

b) Ratify/accede to and implement the relevant universal instruments relating to terrorism, and to strengthen international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building, in cooperation with its relevant partners, in accordance with the resolution 61/40 of 4 December 2006 of the General Assembly;

5. Invite the Government of Botswana to bring this outcome document to the attention of the Security Council and the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

Adopted in Gaborone on 30 November 2007